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Sir JOHN PAKINGTON's

Cafe at Droytwich.

KING John granted to the Burgeses of *Droytwich*, and their Heirs, the Salt-springs there, with divers priviledges and franchizes, rendering the yearly fee farm rent of 100. l. Sterling, and the Salt water hath ever since been divided into four hundred and four Shares called Bulleries, which Bulleries have ever been bought, Sold and Descended as other inheritances at the Common Law,

The grantees of King John and their Heires have long since aliened and sold their whole inheritance in the Salt-springs to several Persons, who at this day stand seised in fee of the same and pay their proportions of the fee farm Rent reserv'd on the first grant: And from the time of King Johns grant to the Reign of Queen Mary the first, the Inheritors of the Salt-springs were deemed Burgeses of *Droytwich*, and whoever sold his Inheritance ceased to be a Burges.

Queen Mary Incorporated the Burgeses of *Droytwich*, by the name of Bayliffs and Burgeses, and granted them divers franchizes as a Corporation, and confirmed King Johns grant, but takes no farther notice of the Salt-springs, Nor appoints any select number, to govern the said Burrough or Salt-works, or any power to Elect new Burgeses, or to exclude any who in Right of their Estates ought to act as Burgeses.

But of Late years the greatest part of those ancient Inheritances coming into the hands of Gentlemen of Quality, and persons who lived remote, the Bayliffs and Burgeses inhabiting in the Corporation, taking advantage thereof, set up several contrivances whereby they assumed to themselves, not only the Governing and taxing the Salt-works at pleasure, but of excluding the greater number of the inheritors (by a single negative voyce) from acting as Burgeses of the said Burrough, either in giving their votes in Electing their Representatives in Parliament, or Governing their own Estates. and at the same time admitting meer strangers into the Corporation to strengthen their own party, by which undue practices in less then twenty years, they imposed above twenty thousand pounds, upon the Inheritors Estates in the Salt-spring without their consents, wherefore for prevention of the like oppressions for the future, the Principal Proprietors did obtain an Act of Parliament in the first Sessions of their present Majesties Reign, but did not then at all insist on their Right of Electing their Representatives in Parliament.

March the 6th. 1689. *Droytwich* Election.

That the Inheritors of the Salt Springs are the undoubted Burgeses of *Droytwich* will appear.

I. The Fee-farm Rent on the first Grant is reserved from the Burgeses's of *Droytwich*, and to this day charged on, and paid by the Inheritors of the Salt-Springs.

II. The Burrough of *Droytwich* sent Members to Parliament long before the present Corporation (which had its beginning but from the first year of Queen Mary) as appears by Records in the Tower.

III. By divers Ancient Orders and By-laws of the said Burrough made, &c.

For Sir John Pakington, Baronet.

For Philip Foley, Esquire.

	Bul.Pts.		Bull.Pts. P.Crn.
Gilbert Coventrye, Esquire.	0—2	Mr. Edward Davies	2—0—0
Mr. John Newport	0—1	Mr. Edw. Lench	Pepper corn
Mr. Tho. Russell	9—3	Mr. John Newport, Junior	pr.c.
John Winsford, Esquire	3—0	Geo. Lench, Barber	pr.c.
Mr. Edw. Russell	1—0	Mr. Edw. Butler, Senior	pr.c.
Mr. Tho. Lench	0—1	Mr. Arnald Burgill	0—1
Mr. Nicholas Harris	0—1	Geo. Harrison, Labourer	0—p.
Mr. Francis Hill	0—2	Sir Walter Kircum Blount	20—1—0
Mr. Edward Phillips	3—1	Mr. Henry Hodges	4—0—0
Mr. John Sparrey	0—1	Mr. Burgill Conard	0—p.
Mr. Tho. Norbury	0—1	Mr. Edward Clifford	0—p.
Mr. John Phillips	0—1	Mr. Weinter Harris	0—1—0
Mr. John Stone	3—1	Mr. Ed. Butler, Jun.	0—p.
Mr. Henry Johnson	5—3	Mr. Ed. Wheeler	5—0—0
Mr. John Watts	11—2	Mr. William Norrice	0—p—0
Mr. Richard French	1—0	Mr. William Wilks	0—p—0
Mr. John Newman	3—0	William Beedle, Labourer	0—p—0
Mr. John Watts, Junior	1—0	John Evett, Labourer	0—p—0
Mr. Tho. Amphlett	0—1	John Lacy, Cooper	0—p—0
Mr. John Nash	2—0	Philip Pardoe, Labourer	0—p—0
Mr. James Roberts	1—3	Walter Pardoe, Labourer	0—p—0
Mr. John French	5—0	Will. Beedle, Jun. Labourer	0—p—0
Mr. William Bookey	3—0		
Mr. Geo. Harris	9—0		
Mr. Richard Norbury	6—1		
Mr. Tho. Roberts	0—1		
	72—3		32—1—0

These 26 Persons have the Inheritance of 72 Bulleries and a half.

Of these 22 Persons, 12 of them have only the bare Qualification of a Pepper-Corn, and of the 32 Bulleries and Quarter, Sir Walter Blount is the owner of 20 and a Quarter.